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**Christopher Ward**

* **Port Authority Director at PFAC** by Alan Borenstein

Christopher O. Ward, Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, will be the guest speaker at NYMTC's Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) on September 18.

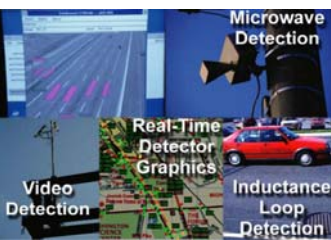
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* **Sept. 11 Program at Brown Bag** by Gerry Bogacz

The next NYMTC Brown Bag presentation on September 17 will feature this year's student participants in the September 11 Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning, who will present the results of their planning projects. The September 11 Program is a living memorial to Ignatius Adanga, Charles Lesperance and See Wong Shum, the three NYMTC staffers who were killed in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. The meeting will be webcast (see www.NYMTC.org).

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* **Technologies Workshop Sept. 25** by Fatai Adekoya



Emerging technologies and their potential impacts on transportation in the region over the next few decades will be presented at NYMTC's September 25 Metropolitan Planning Workshop. The workshop will include sessions to discuss research findings and opportunities to provide input to the team. Workshop results will be used in developing NYMTC's new 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan. The workshop will be webcast.

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* **WTS Hosts MPOs** by Alan Borenstein

The Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) will hold its quarterly dinner on September 8 with guest speakers, Executive Directors Joel Ettinger of NYMTC and Mary K. Murphy of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority discussing regional transportation planning and coordination. The guest speakers will talk about initiatives they have taken to forge a stronger relationship across the Hudson. Go to:

www.wtsinternational.org/ChapterEvents.aspx?ChapterId=19&id=2198.

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*** CATS Turns to Parking** by Gerry Bogacz

For the past several years, the two tracks of the Canal Area Transportation Study (CATS) have been looking at, and in some cases implementing solutions for, a range of issues and concerns in the Canal Street corridor in lower Manhattan. This corridor, which serves as both a main street for the community it passes through and a key link in the regional transportation network, presents a unique set of challenges in optimizing both of these roles. Beginning in September, the CATS process will turn its attention to parking in the corridor, a transportation function that is located squarely at the nexus of this local/regional question.

Through its robust community involvement efforts, the CATS process has heard loudly and clearly from the community in and around the corridor about the parking situation in the area and how it impacts both the local life of the community and the regional travel which flows through the corridor. In response, the scope of work for CATS Track II has been revised to include an assessment of parking to produce a unique set of data on parking patterns and utilization for use in the planning process.

The parking data will be collected for both weekdays and weekends through this assessment. One hundred block faces strategically selected in the CATS study area will be surveyed on weekdays, while a similar survey will be done on two hundred block faces on the weekend. Detailed parking data will be collected from each of the block faces surveyed, including current parking regulations, total usage of parking at the curb, types of vehicles parked and turnover rates. In addition, up to twenty off-street facilities will be surveyed and added to the data base.

The survey effort is being closely coordinated with New York City Department of Transportation to maximize the coverage of the data collected. The assessment had originally been scheduled for the early spring of 2008, but was rescheduled to the fall after New York City altered its policies on parking for public employees, which impacts the study area.

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*** Truck Stop Study Info Online** by Scott Solomon

Available on NYMTC's website is a collection of information regarding the ***Multi-State Truck Rest Stop Inventory and Assessment Study***. Included are links to a collection of downloadable Power Point presentations, the study's Scope of Work, and soon study reports and products. This study provides the region with a comprehensive evaluation of existing truck services and a determination of the need to provide either enhanced services or regional improvements.



In recent years the location of truck rest stops has come under scrutiny by regional planning agencies within New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. With an expected 47 percent increase in freight traffic in the region, coupled with the need for enhanced services, the demand for rest stops will increase in terms of their location, size, and provision of services.

Please visit NYMTC's website (www.NYMTC.org) to learn more or the Freight Planning page directly at: www.NYMTC.org/project/freight_planning/freight_index.html.

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*** \$47M Available for Rail/Port** by Howie Mann

New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Commissioner Astrid C. Glynn has announced the availability of applications for Bond Act and Rail Assistance Funds for up to \$47 million for critical improvements at rail and port facilities throughout New York State.

Approximately \$27 million in funding from the fourth year of the five-year \$2.9 billion Rebuild and Renew New York Transportation Bond Act will be made available to support railroad and port facility improvements. Up to \$20 million in additional assistance from the fourth year of the five year \$100 million Passenger & Freight Rail Assistance Program will support passenger and freight rail enhancement projects.

Since state and federal resources will be limited this year, NYSDOT will seek projects that can provide substantial and important benefits to the transportation system in New York State. Applications must be submitted by September 30, 2008. Applications and instruction materials are available on NYSDOT's Web site at:

<https://www.nysdot.gov/portal/page/portal/divisions/operating/opdm/passenger-rail/rail-funding>.
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*** DATA CORNER: Vehicle Report Online** by Adam Schildge

NYMTC has recently published the ***Vehicle Classification and Occupancy Survey Report for 2006***. This report, conducted every 5 years, provides

detailed counts of different types of vehicles entering and leaving the Manhattan Central Business District, as well as the rates of occupancy of these vehicles. The report has found that 92% of the 1.6 million vehicles entering and leaving the Central Business District (CBD) each

day are passenger cars, including taxis. The average occupancy rate of private cars is 1.29 persons while taxis carry 1.55 persons per vehicle.

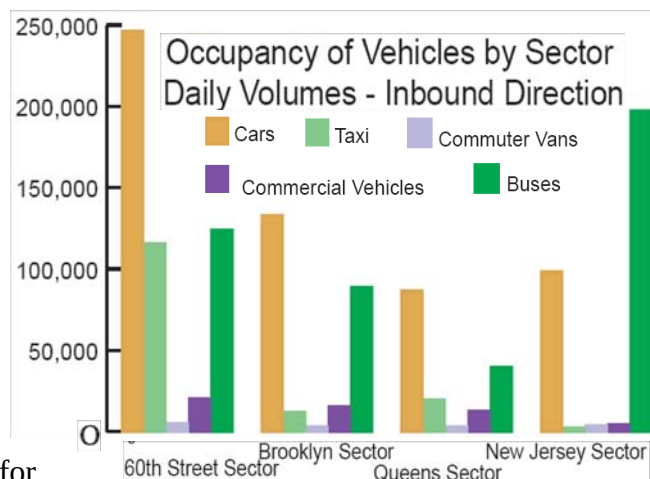
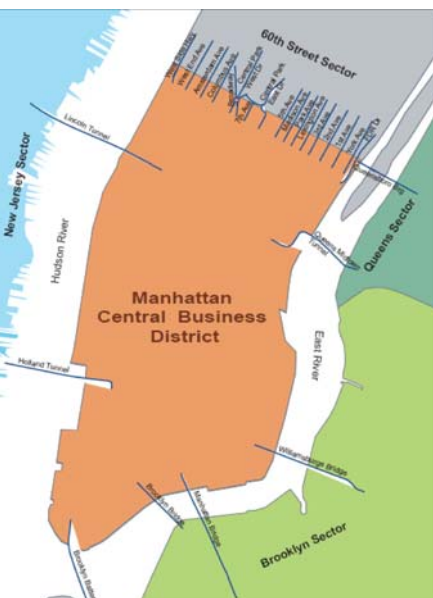
Although buses only comprise 2% of vehicles entering and leaving this area, they carry 33% of motor vehicle passengers compared to 47% for private passenger cars. The remaining 20% of motor vehicle passengers are carried in taxis, commuter vans, and commercial vehicles.

The Brooklyn Bridge is the heaviest traveled crossing over the East River, and carries approximately the same number of vehicles into and out of the CBD as the FDR Drive. Of all crossings, the West Side Highway carries the most vehicles into and out of this survey area. In sum, total vehicle traffic crossing 60th Street, at 728,000 vehicles, is nearly twice the number that cross to and from Brooklyn, and nearly four times as many as cross to and from New Jersey via the Hudson River tunnels.

The report, with detailed tables and graphs, is available directly at:

www.NYMTC.org/files/vehicle_classification/VCOS_Report_2006.pdf.

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*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

9/8/08, WTS-GNY Quarterly Dinner. Speakers- NYMTC Executive Director Joel Ettinger & NJTPA Executive Director Mary K. Murphy. www.wtsinternational.org/greater_ny.

9/17/08, 12pm, Brown Bag- September 11 Program Projects, (webcast), NYMTC 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC. Gretchen Riederer, 212.383.7258, GRiederer@dot.state.ny.us.

9/18/08, 1:15pm, NYMTC PFAC Meeting (webcast). Speaker- Christopher Ward, PANY&NJ. 199 Water St, NYC. Andrea Miles-Cole, 718.482.4551, AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us.

9/19/08, 10am, Mid-Hudson South Mobility Advisory Forum meeting- the New York City Select Bus Service. Westchester County Center, 198 Central Avenue, White Plains, NY. Naomi Klein, 914.813.7758, nkk3@westchestergov.com.

9/25/08, 8am-12:30, Emerging Technologies Workshop (webcast). NYMTC, 199 Water Street, NYC. Fatai Adekoya, 212.383.7250, FAdekoya@dot.state.ny.us.

10/16/08, 6pm, WTS-GNY Annual Awards Dinner. Bridgewater, 11 Fulton Street, South Street Seaport, NYC. www.wtsinternational.org/greater_ny.

11/14/08, 8am, Making the Connection: Transit Oriented Development, NYU Kimmel Center. Lisa Daglian, 212.383.7241, LDaglian@dot.state.ny.us. Registrations info to follow.

RTP Community Workshops: 9/15- 10/7/08. Jan Khan, 212.383.7251, JKhan@dot.state.ny.us.

9/15/08, 3-5pm & 7-9pm, Brooklyn Borough Hall, Community Room, 209 Joralemon Street.

9/16/08, 3-5pm & 7-9pm, Bronx Borough President Office, Hearing Room, 198 East 161 Street.

9/17/08, 3-5pm & 7-9pm, Staten Island Chamber of Commerce, Board Room, 130 Bay Street.

9/18/08, 4-6pm & 7-9pm, NYMTC (webcast), 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, NYC.

9/19/08, 3-5pm & 7-9pm, Queens Borough President Office, Rm 213, 120-55 Queens Boulevard

9/22/08, 3-5pm & 7-9pm, Putnam County, County Government Complex, Carmel, NY.

9/23/08, 3-5pm & 6:30-8:30pm, Rockland County, Palisades Mall, 4th Floor Community Room.

9/24/08, 3-5pm & 6:30-8:30pm, Westchester County, County Center, White Plains.

10/6/08, 3-5pm & 7-9pm, Suffolk County, Dennison Building Media Room, Hauppauge.

10/7/08, 3-5pm & 7-9pm, Nassau County, Legislative Chamber, Mineola.



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